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Torrance, California
August 19, 1946

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Monday, August 19, 1946 at 7:50 P.M.

Mayor Pro tem Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: Gilbert and Sherfey.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Bids for gasoline for the 1946-47 fiscal year which were opened and read at the meeting of August 13, 1946 and referred to the City Attorney and Purchasing Agent for study and recommendation were presented for consideration at this time.

Attorney McCall recommended that the gasoline contract be awarded the lowest bidder, being the General Petroleum Corporation.

Councilman Powell moved that the General Petroleum Corporation be awarded the gasoline contract for the 1946-47 fiscal year and that all other bids be rejected and returned to bidder. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

A communication was read from Thatcher & Ott submitting sale price of \$1456.85 for one 1946 Plymouth Deluxe Sedan for the Police Department and offering \$727.00 as a trade-in allowance on a 1942 DeSoto Sedan.

Councilman Powell stated that Chief of Police Stroh recommended the purchase of the 1946 Plymouth Sedan.

The request of Arthur L. Barnett for permission to construct a 1500 square foot building to house a sash and door and cabinet shop in Fire Zone No. 2, read and discussed at the meeting of August 13, 1946, was presented again for consideration at this time.

After some discussion on necessary precautions against fire hazards, City Engineer Jain stated that if Mr. Barnett would install all the necessary fire prevention installations, such as overhead sprinkler system, fire proof roof, a blower system to eliminate shavings and construct a four hour fire resistant concrete building, he would recommend that Mr. Barnett be granted a permit to construct his building.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Barnett be granted a permit to construct a 1500 square foot building to house a sash and door and cabinet shop in Fire Zone No. 2 providing he comply with all necessary precautions to guard against fire hazards as required by the City Engineer. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At this time Mr. Charles A. Quandt replied to the offer of \$20,000.00 made by the City of Torrance for the purchase of his water system and materials.

Mr. Ludolph, one of counsel for Mr. Quandt, addressed the Council with reference to the appraised value of the Quandt Water System and stated that the City's appraisal had been made in 1945;

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that since that time there had been a considerable increase in the price of materials and consequently he would be safe in adding about 10% to the appraised value of the system, which would make it about \$48,000.00. He stated that approximately \$14,000.00 more could be added to the appraiser's figures for the cost of digging ditches, laying of pipes, making connections, refilling of ditches and repaving of street, which amount would make an additional increase in the value of the system to about \$60,000.00. Mr. Ludolph informed the Council that the Office of Price Administration, working under a new law, is accepting applications for increases in prices of manufactured articles, the price of steel also being included. In view of these increases in the price of materials Mr. Ludolph declared that the value of the Quandt Water System would be increased about 25% or between \$60,000.00 and \$75,000.00. Mr. Ludolph suggested that the appraiser take into consideration the increased cost of materials since the last appraisal report, and stated that the value of the Quandt Water System based on a new appraisal would be in the neighborhood of \$60,000.00, and that the answer of his client, Mr. Charles A. Quandt, to the offer of \$20,000.00 by the City of Torrance for the purchase of the Quandt Water System is, "of course, no", and added that the offer is "ridiculous." Mr. Ludolph declared that Mr. Quandt's price of \$40,000.00 for the Quandt Water System to be very reasonable and said it was not Mr. Quandt's desire to take advantage of the present increased value of his plant. Mr. Ludolph informed the Council that other offers in the neighborhood of \$40,000.00 and \$45,000.00 had been made for the water system. It was Mr. Ludolph's opinion that Mr. Quandt's price for the water system was very reasonable as he was giving the City the benefit of the cost of the pipe and the installation of same at about one-third less than what it had originally cost Mr. Quandt.

In reply to Mr. Ludolph's remarks Mayor Pro tem Tolson stated that the only feasible way to handle this matter would be by condemnation proceeding, and that the Council concurred in his views.

Mr. Floyd E. Pendell, also one of counsel for Mr. Quandt, talked at some length on the value of the Quandt Water System and declared the Council should offer Mr. Quandt an adequate price for this utility. He suggested that the Council consider well the appraised value of this water system before taking legal action.

Mayor Pro tem Tolson suggested that the matter of the purchase of the Quandt Water System be held over until all members of the Council are present in order that the subject can be discussed further.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1795

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND
DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
A CERTIFICATE ON THE TITLE PAGE OF
MAP OF SUBDIVISION CONSTITUTING
TRACT NO. 13901.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1795 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 371

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316,
REGULATING USE OF PROPERTY AND RE-
PEALING ORDINANCE NO. 353.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 371 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 371 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 372

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316,
RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY CONSISTING OF
THE 237 ACRE PORTION OF THE 638.94
ACRE ALLOTMENT OF THE SAN PEDRO RANCHO,
ALLOTTED TO MARIE DE LOS REYES DOMINGUEZ
BY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 3284, RECORDS
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 372 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 372 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 373

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316,
RECLASSIFYING PORTIONS OF LOT NO. 16
AND LOT NO. 17, TRACT NO. 3458, HERE-
INAFTER DESCRIBED.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 373 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 373 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 374

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316,
RECLASSIFYING PORTIONS OF LOT 1,
TRACT 10185, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 374 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 374 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES:

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COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson.. NOES: COUNCILMEN:
None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to emergency

ORDINANCE NO. 375

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,
1946.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 375 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Emergency Ordinance No. 375 be adopted for first and final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$729.85 be made for the purchase of a 1946 Plymouth Deluxe Sedan for the Police Department; the total price being \$1456.85 with a trade-in-allowance of \$727.00 made for a 1942 DeSoto Sedan. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that the Chief of Police be authorized to hold over men, if necessary, at a rate of time and a half for overtime, in an effort to maintain more rigid discipline to control the conduct of the young people patronizing the Friday night dances being sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Civic Auditorium. Councilman Powell explained that many complaints have been received from residents in that vicinity of the Auditorium, deploring the disgraceful behaviour of the young people attending these dances, and Councilman Powell stated that if these conditions did not improve, the City would be forced to discontinue the dances.

Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Mayor Pro tem Tolson moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify prospective bond buyers that no bids will be received for Municipal Water District No. 1 bonds scheduled to be received August 27, 1946, as negotiations for the purchase of the Quandt Water Company have not been completed; that the City Clerk publish a notice in the Torrance Herald to this effect; and that the City Clerk publish in the Torrance Herald and notify prospective bond buyers when the City will again receive sealed proposals for the purchase of \$150,000.00 par value bonds of Municipal Water District No. 1. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Mayor Pro tem Tolson moved that Ella May Lutes be employed in the City Clerk's office to replace two employees who are temporarily absent, at a salary of \$185.00 per month, effective August 19, 1946. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Sherfey.

Mayor Pro tem Tolson moved that the City Engineer be authorized to instruct the Street Department men who pick up waste paper to deliver same to the Pacific Waste Company; explaining that the material would be immediately disposed of and that the City would derive a revenue therefrom of approximately \$3500.00. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Engineer Jain called attention to Resolution No. 1779, adopted June 11, 1946, relative to the construction of a new trunk sewer for disposal of sewage from County Sanitation District No. 5 of Los Angeles County including the City of Torrance; and that in this resolution the City of Torrance assigned to the County Sanitation District No. 5 the sum of \$4400.00, from money allocated to the City of Torrance under the "Construction and Employment Act", for the construction of said sewer line for the disposal of sewage originating within said district.

Engineer Jain informed the Council that he had received a communication from the County Sanitation District No. 5 advising that the Sanitation District proposed using the aforementioned \$4400.00 for the construction of either the Lomita Extension #1 Trunk sewer from Pennsylvania Avenue to Madison Avenue or the South Hawthorne-Warfield Avenue Extension #2 Trunk from Prairie Avenue to Ringe Lane.

After some discussion, Mayor Pro tem Tolson moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer and he be instructed to inform the County Sanitation District No. 5 that it is the desire of the City Council that the aforementioned \$4400.00 be spent for the benefit of the City of Torrance only, and to ascertain definitely what the Sanitation District No. 5 proposes to do in this connection. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.



ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Morgan addressed the Council with reference to the disorderly conduct among the young people attending the Friday night dances being held in the Civic Auditorium, and requested the Council to discontinue the dances if conditions could not be remedied.

Mrs. Probert also addressed the Council in regard to the shameful behavior and foul language of the young people attending the Friday night dances held in the Civic Auditorium. Councilman Powell informed Mrs. Probert that if corrective measures did not improve conditions, the dances would be discontinued.

Mr. Plomert addressed the Council asking when they proposed holding a meeting on the budget.

At 8:40 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned to August 21, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.



 CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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